

XXXIX.—On a new *Muscicapine* Bird from Madagascar.

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(Plate XV.)

A SMALL collection of birds recently brought from Madagascar by Mr. A. Crossley contains a single specimen of what appears to be the type of an entirely new genus, belonging to the family *Muscicapidæ*, which I propose to call

PSEUDOBAS.

GEN. CHAR. :—

Rostrum dilatatum, apicem versus acuminatum, dextro recto apicem versus paullo decurvato, gonyde vix ascendente, setis rectis, elongatis, rostri longitudinem vix æquantibus, naribus parvis oblongis.

Alæ longæ, acuminatæ, remige primo brevissimo, secundo longiore, tertio sextum æquante paullo longiore, quartum vix æquante, quarto et quinto longissimis æqualibus.

Cauda longa, quadrata, rectricibus duodecim, apicem versus latis.

Pedes graciles, tarso scutellato, digitis parvis, exterioribus æquilongis, halluce paullo robustiore digitum medium subæquante.

PSEUDOBAS WARDI, sp. n.

P. *supra virescenti-ater; tectricibus alarum nigris, albo terminatis; remigibus secundariis late albo marginatis; rectricibus basin versus externe albis: infra albus, pectore nigro hypochondriisque grisescens exceptis; rostro pedibusque nigris.*

General colour above glossy black, having a slight shade of green in some lights: the outermost greater wing-coverts spotted at the apex with white, the innermost entirely white, and the secondaries broadly edged with white, forming a longitudinal white alar bar; tail square, black, white at the base of the outer webs; throat, sides of the neck, abdomen and under wing- and tail-coverts silky-white; upper part of the breast glossy black, verging into greyish-black on the flanks; bill and feet black. Total length 6 inches, bill .55, wing 2.5, tail 2.4, tarsus .55.

I name this species after Mr. C. Ward, of Halifax, under whose auspices Mr. Crossley's investigations have been carried on.



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PSEUDOCRYSOPS TANAGER